Nunavut Housing Needs Survey
Fact Sheet – Igloolik

Background:

The Nunavut Housing Needs Survey (NHNS) is a survey of households in 25 communities in Nunavut, conducted from November 2009 to June 2010. The primary objective of the survey was to collect data on the housing needs of Nunavummiut so as to assist the Government of Nunavut in planning and providing housing. The overall response rate was 94% for Igloolik.

This fact sheet presents some of the survey results for Igloolik. Similar fact sheets are available for the territory as a whole and for each region and each community. All numbers in this fact sheet have been rounded. Percentages were calculated from unrounded numbers and the denominator excludes the non-response categories "refusal", "don't know", and "not stated".

More survey information and results are available on the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics' website which may be accessed at http://www.eia.gov.nu.ca/stats/housing.html or you may wish to contact one of our Information Officers at 867-473-2656 or 867-473-2660. Collect calls are accepted.

Survey highlights for Igloolik:

Housing stock and housing tenure in Igloolik:

A) Igloolik had a total of 390 dwellings, of which 350 were occupied by their usual residents. The remaining 40 dwellings were unoccupied or occupied temporarily by persons who considered their usual home elsewhere.

B) The most common types of dwellings were single detached houses (54%) and row houses with 3 or more unit's side-by-side (33%).

C) Of the 350 dwellings occupied by usual residents, about 8 dwellings out of 10 were rented while 2 out of 10 were owned.

D) Most of the housing occupied by residents of Igloolik was classified as public housing, which made up about two-thirds of all occupied dwellings. The second most common type of housing was owner-occupied dwellings, representing about 2 dwellings out of 10. The remaining occupied dwellings were staff housing and other types of rented housing.

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State of housing for dwellings occupied by usual residents in Igloolik:

E) Of the 350 households, which is the equivalent of all dwellings occupied by usual residents, slightly less than 6 out of 10 were satisfied with the condition of their dwelling.

F) About 22% of occupied dwellings (70) required major repairs for items such as defective plumbing or defective electrical wiring, a leaking oil or sewage tank, or a broken hot water boiler. The need for major repairs is based solely on the opinion of the respondent.

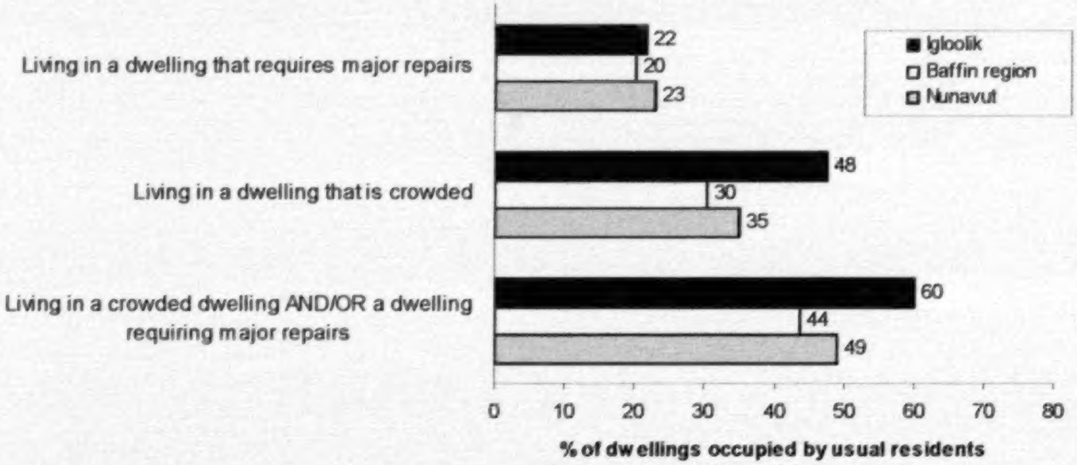
G) Approximately 48% of occupied dwellings (170) were classified as crowded, based on the lack of enough bedrooms. The majority of those dwellings (90 out of 170) were classified as crowded because they required one additional bedroom. The other crowded dwellings required two or more additional bedrooms.

H) In almost half of the crowded dwellings, respondents indicated that they regularly used the living room for sleeping because there was no other place to sleep.

I) In Igloolik, 60% of the occupied dwellings (210) were below housing standards, meaning they were either crowded or in need of major repairs or a combination of both. Housing affordability was not measured in the survey.

J) Owner-occupied dwellings had the highest proportion of dwellings below housing standards (78%) compared with other types of housing such as public housing, staff housing or other rental housing.

Chart 1. Summary of the state of housing for dwellings occupied by usual residents, Igloolik, Baffin region and Nunavut, 2009-2010



Note: The need for major repairs is based on the opinion of the respondent. A dwelling is classified as crowded if there is a lack of a sufficient number of bedrooms.

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Igloolik housing needs for dwellings below housing standards:

K) For each person in a household, the survey asked if they would move out if additional housing were available in their community.

L) In slightly less than 4 out of 10 of Igloolik occupied dwellings that are below housing standards (60 out of 210), at least one person or a group of household members would move out if more housing were available.

M) Out of the 1,200 or so persons living in a dwelling below housing standards, about 300 of them or one-quarter responded that they would move out if more housing units were available in their community.

N) Of the 300 people who would move out, some of them would move out on their own and others would move out with people living in the same dwelling or elsewhere. This represents a total of 80 groups of people that would move out of their current housing if additional housing were available.

O) This number of groups (80) represents the number of dwellings that would be required to house the groups moving out of dwellings below housing standards. About 26% of these groups wishing to move would be people moving out alone while 74% would be a group of two or more persons moving out together.

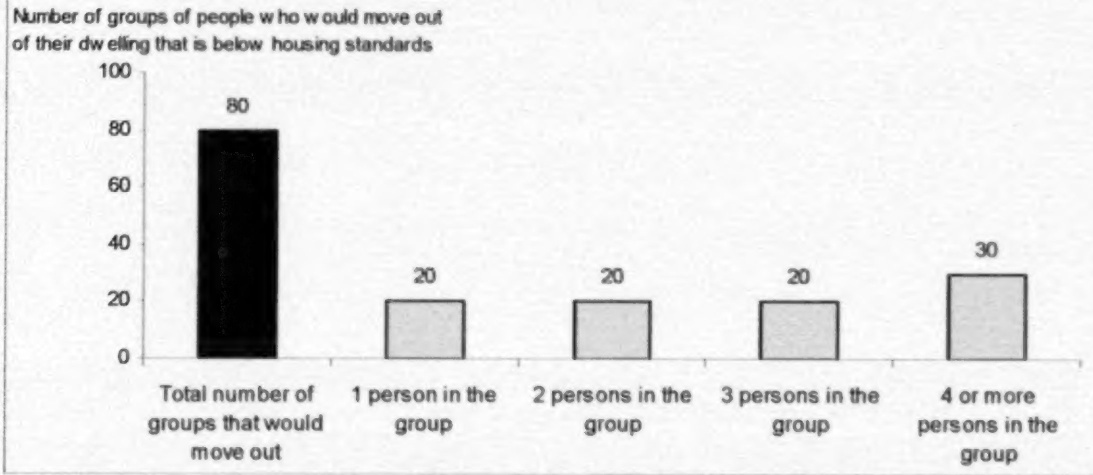

Chart 2. Number of dwellings required to house the groups moving from dwellings that are below housing standards by group size, Igloolik, 2009-2010

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People in immediate need of housing in Igloolik:

P) About 30 people of Igloolik did not have a usual home at the time of the survey and were living temporarily in another person's dwelling. This represents approximately 2% of the population in Igloolik.

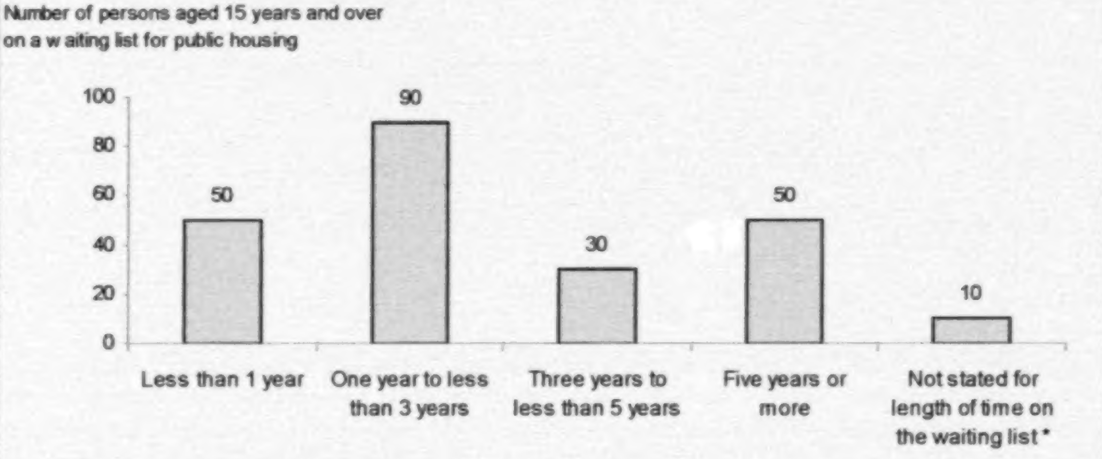
Q) Slightly less than half of occupied dwellings housed temporary residents without a usual home elsewhere in the 12 months prior to the time of the survey.

People on the waiting list for public housing in Igloolik:

R) About 220 people of Igloolik aged 15 years and over reported that they were on the waiting list for public housing. This represents nearly 1 person out of 4 for those aged 15 and over.

S) For those on the waiting list, about 90 people aged 15 and over reported being on the waiting list for at least one year but less than three years, while another 50 persons reported being on the waiting list for five years or more.

Chart 3. Number of persons aged 15 and over by length of time on a public housing waiting list, Igloolik, 2009-2010



Telephone and Internet access in Igloolik:

T) About 150 households or 4 out of 10 in Igloolik had access to the Internet from within their dwelling.

U) The majority of households, or 79%, had a telephone. Most of these households had a regular land line telephone.